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WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Steve Driehaus today welcomed the announcement of \$17 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for energy efficiency retrofit projects. The grant, awarded through the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Retrofit Ramp-Up initiative, will support the Greater Cincinnati Retrofit Ramp-Up program, a collaborative effort to reduce energy bills for thousands of home and business owners through energy efficiency retrofits.

“This investment is the latest example of the Recovery Act bringing resources into greater Cincinnati that will create jobs and help modernize our infrastructure. Retrofit projects put people to work, increase energy efficiency in older buildings, and save ratepayers money on their utility bills,” said Rep. Driehaus. “The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance has offered a plan to retrofit thousands of homes and businesses in our community, and I look forward to the alliance putting these resources to good use.”

According to DOE, the Greater Cincinnati Retrofit Ramp-Up program will conduct community and organizational outreach with energy advisory services focused on retrofits in the residential, commercial, and public sectors. The goal is to reduce energy bills for home and business owners through energy efficiency retrofits of homes, businesses, multi-family buildings and public and institutional buildings. The project will be led by the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance, a collaborative program involving seven local government partners in the region. The project seeks to utilize a model of community collaboration, including marketing, utility program integration, financing affordability and accessibility, customer participation and workforce development.

The Retrofit Ramp-Up projects are part of the overall \$80 billion Recovery Act investment in clean energy and energy efficiency. The awards are the competitive portion of DOE’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, which was funded for the first time under the Recovery Act to help state, local, and tribal communities make strategic investments in improving energy efficiency, reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions. ###